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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented). A device for protecting against electrostatic discharge and electromagnetic influences on electronic components, comprising:

a housing for housing the electronic components;

an I/O shield covering a housing aperture;

an element extending through an aperture in said I/O shield; and

a sealing layer disposed between said element and said I/O shield for sealing said I/O shield aperture;

said sealing layer extending to a border of said housing aperture;

said sealing layer being formed of electrically conductive material.

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Claim 2 (original). The device according to claim 1, wherein said element is an electrical terminal or an operating element.

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended). The device according to claim 1, wherein the housing has exterior wall surfaces, and ~~the~~ an electrical contact with said sealing layer is formed at the exterior wall surfaces.

Claim 5 (currently amended). The device according to claim 1, wherein the housing has interior wall surfaces, and ~~the~~ an electrical contact with said sealing layer is formed at the interior wall surfaces.

Claims 6 - 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (original). The device according to claim 1, wherein said sealing layer has dimensions exceeding dimensions of said housing aperture.

Claim 10 (original). The device according to claim 1, wherein said I/O shield has a U-shaped form.

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Claim 11 (original). The device according to claim 1, wherein  
said I/O shield has a trough-shaped form.